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Russian Treaty Embarrassments.

While the report that our government is willing to let the treaty with Russia of 1832 live another year, though it was abrogated by the Senate at the last session of Congress, cannot be traced to an authoritative origin, yet it persists in being mooted in diplomatic circles here. Delay, it is averred, is necessary "to save our administration embarrassment," also that "all parties" are agreed that a new administration and a new Congress ought to draw up a renewed treaty. But why such a report should filter to Washington via Vienna channels is a mystery. It is not at all unbelievable per se, and in the absence of anything more specific it will perhaps be taken as true. It has long been known by those acquainted with the foreign policy of the administration that the Russian situation is a very delicate problem. There is good ground for the belief that the United States will be unable to negotiate a satisfactory new treaty, securing the rights demanded by this country for American Jews in Russia, till the other powers join this government in making a similar demand. For such co-operation time is required. Hence the delay, and hence the possibility of further embarrassments, for the old treaty cannot be extended without the consent of the Senate. That body as constituted at present would probably refuse, thus putting the administration "in a hole" nationally and internationally.

They Are Patriots.

The departure of thousands of Greek reservists from the United States to answer the call of their government for their service in the army has been remarked by some observers as having a warning significance. The operation reveals the presence in the United States of large alien elements who owe military duty to their native lands, a duty which they readily fulfill. It is held that this obligation is inconsistent with their duty to the United States, but before we leap to this conclusion let us remember that these Greeks and Bulgarians who have so cheerfully left their employments here to go on the fighting line are Greeks and Bulgarians. They are not naturalized; they have come here under no false pretense. Better wages and better conditions have attracted them. If the result of their stay here ever converts them into naturalized citizens, are they not likely to be all the more patriotic Americans because they were patriotic Greeks and Bulgarians?

New Convention Plan.

The plan evolved by the trade bodies of the city to raise funds for bringing national conventions to the city and entertaining them when they are here should meet with hearty co-operation on the part of the business community. It is a plan which has much to commend it, and its execution will naturally be in the nature of a relief from the many calls upon the purses of merchants, hotelkeepers, and public utility corporations. It is now proposed to make a general subscription to a convention fund of \$25,000, once for all, with no other calls for a like purpose during the next calendar year. The sum is not a large one for the business community to raise, and is really not greater than has been assessed upon it in the past for similar purposes. The subscription is to be made by a joint committee of the three trade bodies, and the same committee will have supervision over its expenditure. The sum asked has been found by experience to be ample, and those most conversant with the handling of large national bodies here are agreed that with \$25,000 at the disposal of a competent committee there will be no difficulty in giving these national organizations the right kind of welcome when they come to the Capital. It will be recalled that a fund of \$25,000 was raised by the Chamber of Commerce three years ago for getting and entertaining conventions. The money was subscribed with the understanding that it was to last three years. It was found barely sufficient to bring the conventions, without much left to provide for the entertainment of the delegates when they arrived. As a consequence the business men and corporations have been called upon frequently

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